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Title 37. Professions and Occupations
Chapter 50-A.
Addictive Disorders Practice Act
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ADDICTIVE DISORDERS PRACTICE ACT

§3386. Short title

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Addictive Disorders Practice Act".

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3386.1. Definitions

As used in this Chapter the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Addiction counselor" means any person who is licensed or certified or registered in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and procedures established by the department and who by means of his special knowledge acquired through formal education or practical experience is qualified to provide addiction counseling services to those individuals afflicted with or suffering from an addictive disorder or certain co-occurring disorders. The counseling services provided shall be those which utilize KSA's or core functions, as determined by the department to be appropriate for the addictive disorder or disorders presented.

(2) "Addictive disorder" means the repeated pathological use of substances including but not limited to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, or repeated pathological compulsive behaviors including but not limited to gambling which cause physical, psychological, emotional, economic, legal, social or other harms to the individual afflicted with the addiction or to others affected by the individual's affliction. As used herein "addictive disorder" shall include not only those instances where withdrawal from or tolerance to the substance or behaviors are present but also those instances involving use and abuse of substances.

(3) "Board" means the Louisiana State Board of Certification for Substance Abuse Counselors through June 30, 2007. Effective July 1, 2007, "board" shall mean the governing body of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority.

(4) "Certified clinical supervisor" means any person holding the necessary credential of licensed, certified, or registered addiction counselor who has satisfied the requirements established by the department to provide clinical supervision.

(5) "Clinical supervision" means the interpersonal tutorial relationship between a certified clinical

supervisor and other licensed, certified, or registered addiction counseling professionals centered on the goals of skill development and professional growth through learning and practicing. Through observation, evaluation, and feedback, clinical supervision enables the supervisee to acquire the competence needed to deliver effective patient care while fulfilling professional responsibility. Clinical supervision is understood to emphasize improvement of the counseling skills and effectiveness of the supervisee and is to be distinguished from administrative supervision.

(6) "Compulsive gambling counselor" means any person holding a necessary credential as a licensed, certified or registered addiction counselor, or a necessary credential as a qualified mental health professional, who is certified by the department, in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, as possessing special knowledge acquired through formal education and clinical experience and thus is qualified to provide gambling addiction counseling to persons who have a gambling addiction disorder or who exhibit gambling addictive behaviors.

(7) "Co-occurring disorder" means a disorder in which individuals have at least one psychiatric disorder as well as an addictive disorder. While these disorders may interact differently in any one person at least one disorder of each type can be diagnosed independently of the other.

(8) "Core functions" means the screening, intake, orientation, assessment, treatment planning, counseling, case management, crisis intervention, client education, referral, reports, and recordkeeping activities associated with counseling and consultation with other credentialed professionals.

(9) "Counselor-in-training" or "CIT" means any person who has not yet met the qualification to become a licensed, certified or registered counselor, but who has made application to the department in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and procedures established by the department.

(10) "Department" means the Department of Health and Hospitals, office for addictive disorders through June 30, 2007. Effective July 1, 2007, "department" shall mean the governing body of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority.

(11) "KSA's" means the Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes designated by the department as being necessary for effective addiction counseling and required by the department to be utilized by addictive disorders counselors in providing addiction counseling services.

(12) "Prevention" means those activities and services that prevent, reduce, or stabilize the incidence of addictive disorders and thereby prevent, reduce or stabilize the prevalence of addictive disorders. The activities contemplated by this definition include services to those at risk of developing an addictive disorder as well as those individuals who, though not necessarily at risk of developing an addictive disorder, are nonetheless appropriate for services. In addition, prevention shall be understood to include educational programs and activities that are designed to raise the awareness of and encourage healthy behaviors.

(13) Repealed by Acts 2006, No. 427, §3.

(14) "Prevention specialist-in-training" or "PSIT" means any person who has not yet met the qualifications to become a licensed, certified, or registered prevention professional, but who has made application to the department in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and procedures established by the department.

(15) "Qualified mental health professional" means:

(a) A psychiatrist licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:1261 et seq.

(b) A psychologist licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:2351 et seq., or a medical psychologist licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:1360.51 et seq.

(c) A licensed clinical social worker licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:2701 et seq.

(d) A mental health counselor licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:1101 et seq.

(16) "Substance abuse" means the repeated pathological use of drugs, including alcohol, which causes physical, psychological, economic, legal or social harm to the individual user or to others affected by the user's behavior.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004; Acts 2006, No. 427, §§2 and 3; Acts 2009, No. 251, §8, eff. Jan. 1, 2010.

§3387. Licensed addiction counselor

A. The practice of addiction counseling within the meaning and intent of this Chapter shall consist of the rendering of professional guidance to individuals suffering from an addictive disorder to assist them in gaining an understanding of the nature of their disorder and developing and maintaining a responsible life style. The licensed addiction counselor may practice autonomously, independent of any other professional association or supervision. The scope of practice, in addition to any other provision herein shall include making referrals to appropriate professionals, providing counseling to family members and, as appropriate, to others affected by the individual's addictive disorder, and the utilization of KSA and core functions.

B. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules which govern licensed addiction counselors in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

C. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as a licensed addiction counselor shall submit an application to the department on a form and in a manner as the department shall prescribe. The initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee as provided for herein.

D. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, not less than forty-five days prior to any examination, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and unaccepted. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

E. The department shall recognize as a licensed addiction counselor each candidate who:

(1) Possesses a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. The degree shall be in a human services or behavioral science discipline, or such other discipline or disciplines as the department may deem appropriate.

(2) Is a legal resident of the United States at least twenty-one years of age from the date the application is received.

(3) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.

(4) Is not now and has not been a substance abuser or compulsive gambler during the previous two years from the date the application is received.

(5) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony. However, the department may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall sign a form prescribed by the department authorizing the department to obtain a criminal history and to conduct a criminal background check.

(6) Demonstrates professional competence by passing a written and oral examination and making a case presentation:

(a) The department shall determine the scope and administration of the examination.

(b) The department may provide for circumstances under which a candidate who fails either examination, but who meets all other requirements, may retake the examination.

(c) The department shall prescribe the scope and manner of the case presentation required herein.

(7) Documents the completion of ethics training, as prescribed by the department.

(8) Signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility, as prescribed by the department.

(9) Documents the completion of supervised clinical hours, under conditions as shall be determined by the department. The department may require that such supervision be conducted by a certified clinical supervisor.

(10) Provides three letters of recommendation as prescribed by the department.

F. The department may prescribe such other qualifications and requirements for licensed addiction counselors as may be appropriate for the protection of the public or the enhancement of professional services provided under the authority of this Chapter.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3387.1. Certified addiction counselor

A. The practice of addiction counseling within the meaning and intent of this Chapter shall consist of the rendering of professional guidance to individuals suffering from an addictive disorder to assist them in gaining an understanding of the nature of their disorder and developing and maintaining a responsible life style. The certified addiction counselor may not practice independently and may not render a diagnostic impression. The scope of practice, in addition to any other provision herein, shall include making referrals to appropriate professionals, providing counseling to family members and, as appropriate, to others affected by the individual's addictive disorder, and the utilization of KSA and core functions.

B. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules which govern certified addiction counselors in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

C. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as a certified addiction counselor shall submit an application to the department on a form and in a manner as the department shall prescribe. The initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee as provided for herein.

D. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, not less than forty-five days prior to any examination, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and unaccepted. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

E. The department shall recognize as a certified addiction counselor each candidate who:

(1) Possesses a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. The degree shall be in a human services or behavioral science discipline, or such other discipline or disciplines as the department may deem appropriate.

(2) Is a legal resident of the United States at least twenty-one years of age on the date the application is received.

(3) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.

(4) Is not now and has not been a substance abuser or compulsive gambler during the previous two

years from the date the application is received.

(5) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony. However, the department may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall sign a form prescribed by the department authorizing the department to obtain a criminal history or to conduct a criminal background check.

(6) Demonstrates professional competence by passing a written and oral examination, and making a case presentation:

(a) The department shall determine the scope and administration of the examinations.

(b) The department may provide for circumstances under which a candidate who fails either examination, but who meets all other requirements, may retake the examination.

(c) The department shall make reasonable accommodations for those candidates who demonstrate a special need or disability.

(d) The department shall prescribe the scope and manner of the case presentation required herein.

(7) Documents the completion of ethics training, as prescribed by the department.

(8) Signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility as prescribed by the department.

(9) Documents the completion of supervised clinical hours, under such conditions as shall be determined by the department. The department may require that such supervision be conducted by a certified clinical supervisor.

(10) Provides three letters of recommendation as prescribed by the department.

F. The department may prescribe such other qualifications and requirements for certified addiction counselors as may be appropriate for the protection of the public or the enhancement of professional services provided under the authority of this Chapter.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004; Acts 2006, No. 427, §2.

§3387.2. Registered addiction counselor

A. The practice of addiction counseling within the meaning and intent of this Chapter shall consist of the rendering of professional guidance to individuals suffering from an addictive disorder to assist them in gaining an understanding of the nature of their disorder and developing and maintaining a responsible life style. The registered addiction counselor may not practice independently and may

not render a diagnostic impression. The scope of practice, in addition to any other provision herein, shall include making referrals to appropriate professionals, providing counseling to family members and, as appropriate, to others affected by the individual's addictive disorder, and the utilization of KSA and core functions. The scope of practice shall in no way be construed to include services designed to address work organization productivity issues and employee client problems affecting job performance and the ability to perform on the job.

B. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules which govern registered addiction counselors in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

C. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as a registered addiction counselor shall submit an application to the department on a form and in a manner as the department shall prescribe. The initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee as provided for herein.

D. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, not less than forty-five days prior to any examination, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and unaccepted. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

E. The department shall recognize as a registered addiction counselor each candidate who:

(1) Is a legal resident of the United States at least twenty-one years of age on the date the application is received.

(2) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.

(3) Is not now and has not been a substance abuser or compulsive gambler during the previous two years from the date the application is received.

(4) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony. However, the department may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall sign a form prescribed by the department authorizing the department to obtain a criminal history or to conduct a criminal background check.

(5) Demonstrates professional competence by passing a written and oral examination, and making a case presentation:

(a) The department shall determine the scope and administration of the examinations.

(b) The department may provide for circumstances under which a candidate who fails either examination, but who meets all other requirements may retake the examination.

(c) The department shall make reasonable accommodations for those candidates who demonstrate

a special need or disability.

(d) The department shall prescribe the scope and manner of the case presentation required herein.

(6) Documents the completion of ethics training, as prescribed by the department.

(7) Signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility as prescribed by the department.

(8) Documents the completion of supervised clinical hours, under such conditions as shall be determined by the department. The department may require that such supervision be conducted by a certified clinical supervisor.

(9) Provides three letters of recommendation as prescribed by the department.

F. The department may prescribe such other qualifications and requirements for registered addiction counselors as may be appropriate for the protection of the public or the enhancement of professional services provided under the authority of this Chapter.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004; Acts 2006, No. 427, §2.

§3387.3. Counselor-in-training

A. The practice of addiction counseling within the meaning and intent of this Chapter shall consist of the rendering of professional guidance to individuals suffering from an addictive disorder to assist them in gaining an understanding of the nature of their disorder and developing and maintaining a responsible life style. The status of counselor-in-training (CIT) is intended to assist professional development by providing qualified individuals with supervised clinical counseling experience. This status is, by its very nature, temporary and it is anticipated that the individual will progress through the experience to become a licensed, certified or registered addiction counselor. The counselor-in-training may not practice independently. The counselor-in-training may only work under the direct supervision of a licensed addiction counselor, certified addiction counselor or registered addiction counselor, or in the absence of a licensed, certified, or registered, addiction counselor, under the direction of a qualified mental health professional. The scope of practice, in addition to any other provision herein shall include making referrals to appropriate professionals, providing counseling to family members and, as appropriate, to others affected by the individual's addictive disorder, and the utilization of KSA and core functions.

B. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules which govern the status of counselor-in-training in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

C. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as a counselor-in-training shall submit an application to the department on a form and in a manner as the department shall prescribe. The

initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee as provided for herein.

D. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, within thirty days notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and unaccepted. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

E. The department shall recognize as a counselor-in-training each candidate who:

(1) Is a legal resident of the United States at least eighteen years of age from the date the application is received.

(2) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.

(3) Is not now and has not been a substance abuser or compulsive gambler during the previous two years from the date the application is received.

(4) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony. However, the department may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall sign a form prescribed by the department authorizing the department to obtain a criminal history or to conduct a criminal background check.

(5) Signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility as prescribed by the department.

(6) Provides three letters of recommendation as prescribed by the department.

F. The department may prescribe such other qualifications and requirements for counselor-in-training as may be appropriate for the protection of the public or the enhancement of professional services provided under the authority of this Chapter.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3387.4. Addiction treatment assistant

A. An addiction treatment assistant is a paraprofessional who serves in a supportive role within the therapeutic process. The addiction treatment assistant shall work under the direct supervision of a licensed, certified, or registered counselor in a manner prescribed by the department.

B. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules which govern addiction treatment assistants in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

C. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as an addiction treatment assistant shall submit an application to the department on a form and in a manner as the department shall prescribe.

The initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee as provided for herein.

D. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, within thirty days notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and unaccepted. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

E. The department shall recognize as an addiction treatment assistant each candidate who:

(1) Is a legal resident of the United States at least sixteen years of age from¹ the date the application is received.

(2) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.

(3) Is not and has not been a substance abuser or compulsive gambler during the previous six months from the date the application is received.

(4) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony. However, the department may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate, or at least one parent or legal guardian of a candidate in the case of an unemancipated minor, shall sign a form prescribed by the department authorizing the department to obtain a criminal history or to conduct a criminal background check.

(5) Signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility as prescribed by the department.

(6) Provides three letters of recommendation as prescribed by the department.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

¹As appears in enrolled bill. Should be "on".

§3387.5. Certified clinical supervisor

A. The legislature finds that addiction counseling is an effective and necessary component in the continuum of addictive disorder treatment and services. In order to better provide for the health and welfare of the citizens of this state, the legislature desires to enhance the profession of addiction counseling by providing for a qualified workforce in sufficient numbers to meet the needs of those individuals within the state who suffer from treatable addictive disorders or are affected by addictive disorders. The legislature finds clinical supervision to be essential for the ongoing development of a qualified workforce sufficient to meet the present and anticipated public health needs of the state.

B. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules which shall provide for the certification of clinical supervisors in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

C. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as a certified clinical supervisor shall first complete clinical supervision training approved by the department. The candidate may then submit an application on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department. Documentation of the clinical supervision training shall accompany the application.

D. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, within thirty days notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and unaccepted. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

E. The department shall recognize as a certified clinical supervisor each candidate who:

- (1) Is a licensed, certified or registered addiction counselor.
- (2) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.
- (3) Does not have any pending disciplinary action with the department.
- (4) Is not a defendant in any pending felony criminal proceedings.
- (5) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony.
- (6) Each candidate must sign a form prescribed by the department authorizing the department to obtain a criminal history or to conduct a criminal background check.
- (7) Each applicant shall demonstrate professional competence in clinical supervision by passing a written examination:
 - (a) The department shall determine the scope and administration of the examination.
 - (b) The department may provide for circumstances under which a candidate who fails the examination, but who meets all other requirements, may retake the examination.
 - (c) The department shall make reasonable accommodations for those candidates who demonstrate a special need or disability.

F. The scope of clinical supervision for a certified clinical supervisor shall be as follows:

- (1) A licensed addiction counselor certified in clinical supervision may provide clinical supervision for any other licensed addiction counselor, for any certified addiction counselor, for any registered addiction counselor, for any counselor-in-training, or for any addiction treatment assistant.
- (2) A certified addiction counselor who is also certified in clinical supervision may provide clinical supervision for any certified addiction counselor, for any registered addiction counselor, for any

counselor-in-training, or for any addiction treatment assistant.

(3) A registered addiction counselor who is also certified in clinical supervision may provide clinical supervision for any registered addiction counselor, for any counselor-in-training, or for any addiction treatment assistant.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3387.6. Certified compulsive gambling counselor

A. The legislature finds that addiction counseling is an effective and necessary component in the continuum of addictive disorder treatment and services. In order to better provide for the health and welfare of the citizens of this state, the legislature desires to enhance compulsive gambling counseling services by providing for a certification for compulsive gambling counselors.

B. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules which shall provide for the certification of compulsive gambling counselor, in accordance with this Chapter.

C. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as a certified compulsive gambling counselor shall hold the valid and current necessary credential of licensed, certified or registered addiction counselor or hold the valid and current necessary credential of a qualified mental health professional. In addition, the candidate shall complete the minimum educational hours provided for herein. Any candidate holding the necessary credential who has completed the educational hours required may submit an application on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department. Documentation of the necessary credential and completion of the required educational hours shall accompany the application. The application shall also be accompanied by a fee as provided for herein.

D. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, within thirty days, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and unaccepted. If the application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

E. The department shall recognize as a certified compulsive gambling counselor each candidate who:

(1) Is a licensed, certified or registered addiction counselor, or who is a qualified mental health professional.

(2) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.

(3) Does not have any pending disciplinary action with the department, or, in the case of a qualified mental health professional, with the appropriate regulatory board.

- (4) Is not a defendant in any pending felony criminal proceedings.
 - (5) Has successfully completed a minimum of sixty educational hours, approved by the department, specific to addiction.
 - (6) Has successfully completed a minimum of thirty educational hours, approved by the department, specific to gambling addiction.
 - (7) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to a felony.
 - (8) Each candidate shall sign a form prescribed by the department authorizing the department to obtain a criminal history or to conduct a criminal background check.
 - (9) Each applicant shall demonstrate professional competence in compulsive gambling counseling by passing a written examination:
 - (a) The department shall determine the scope and administration of the examination.
 - (b) The department may provide for circumstances under which a candidate who fails the examination, but who meets all other requirements, may retake the examination.
 - (c) The department shall make reasonable accommodations for those candidates who demonstrate a special need or disability.
- F. The scope of practice for a certified compulsive gambling counselor shall be consistent with the scope of practice for the necessary credential supporting the certification. A certified compulsive gambling counselor may not practice or provide gambling counseling services to any member of the public or hold himself out as a compulsive gambling counselor without a valid and current necessary credential as provided for herein.
- G. The department shall revoke the certification for gambling counseling of any person who does not maintain the valid and current necessary credential of licensed, certified or registered addiction counselor or qualified mental health professional.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3387.7. Repealed by Acts 2006, No. 427, §3.

§3387.8. Repealed by Acts 2006, No. 427, §3.

§3387.9. Repealed by Acts 2006, No. 427, §3.

§3387.10. Licensed prevention professional

A. Licensed prevention professional is a practice credential. The licensed prevention professional may practice autonomously, independent of any other professional association or supervision. The scope of practice affords the licensed prevention professional the flexibility of working in a variety of settings that support competency-based levels of knowledge, skills, and attitudes. Prevention can range from working with specific and varied populations to mobilizing communities and advocating for healthy behaviors. In the exercise of his scope of practice, the licensed prevention professional shall adhere to the requirements of the state strategic prevention plan and shall do nothing inconsistent with or in derogation of that plan.

B. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as a licensed prevention professional shall submit an application to the department on a form and in a manner as the department shall prescribe. The initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The license shall be renewed every two years and shall be accompanied by a fee for renewal of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.

C. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, not less than forty-five days prior to any examination, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and rejected. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

D. The department shall recognize as a licensed prevention professional each candidate who:

(1) Possesses, at a minimum, a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education and documents one year of department-approved prevention experience.

(2) Is a legal resident of the United States at least twenty-one years of age on the date the application is received.

(3) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.

(4) Has not been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to a felony. However, the department may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall provide the department with a certified criminal history.

(5) Demonstrates professional competence by passing a written examination.

(a) The department shall determine the scope and administration of the examination.

(b) The department may provide for circumstances under which a candidate who fails the

examination, but who meets all other requirements, may retake the examination.

(c) The department shall make reasonable accommodations for those candidates who demonstrate a special need or disability.

(6) Documents completion of any ethics training required by the department and signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility as prescribed by the department.

(7) Documents having successfully completed any training prescribed by the department. Training as contemplated herein may include educational as well as experiential components.

(8) Provides three letters of recommendation as prescribed by the department.

E. The licensed prevention professional is a practice credential and to the extent possible, it shall be governed by existing rules, including but not limited to those applicable to the application for and renewal of prevention practice credentials. The department may adopt and promulgate such additional rules as may be necessary and may prescribe such other qualifications and requirements for licensed prevention professionals as may be appropriate for the protection of the public or the enhancement of professional services provided under the authority of this Chapter.

F. Any person who, on August 15, 2006, holds a valid and current prevention practice credential issued by the department shall be recognized by the department as a licensed prevention professional.

G. Any person who, on August 15, 2006, is either registered with the department as holding "in training" status in prevention, or who, within sixty days from August 15, 2006, registers with the department and is recognized as holding "in training" status shall, for a period of three years from August 15, 2006, have the right to apply for and take the written examination required for a prevention practice credential without regard to any academic requirements. If, within three years from August 15, 2006, such persons successfully satisfy the written examination requirements required for a prevention practice credential, they shall be recognized by the department as licensed prevention professionals.

Acts 2006, No. 427, §2.

§3387.11. Certified prevention professional

A. Certified prevention professional is a practice credential. The scope of practice affords the certified prevention professional the flexibility of working in a variety of settings that supports competency-based levels of knowledge, skills, and attitudes. Prevention can range from working with specific and varied populations to mobilizing communities and advocating for healthy behaviors. In the exercise of his scope of practice, the certified prevention professional shall adhere to the requirements of the state strategic prevention plan and shall do nothing inconsistent with, or in derogation of, that plan.

B. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as a certified prevention professional shall submit an application to the department on a form and in a manner as the department shall prescribe. The initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The certification shall be renewed every two years and shall be accompanied by a fee for renewal of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.

C. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, not less than forty-five days prior to any examination, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and rejected. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

D. The department shall recognize as a certified prevention professional each candidate who:

(1) Possesses a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education and documents two years of department-approved prevention experience.

(2) Is a legal resident of the United States at least twenty-one years of age on the date the application is received.

(3) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.

(4) Has not been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to a felony. However, the department may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall provide the department with a certified criminal history.

(5) Demonstrates professional competence by passing a written examination.

(a) The department shall determine the scope and administration of the examination.

(b) The department may provide for circumstances under which a candidate who fails the examination, but who meets all other requirements, may retake the examination.

(c) The department shall make reasonable accommodations for those candidates who demonstrate a special need or disability.

(6) Documents completion of any ethics training required by the department and signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility as prescribed by the department.

(7) Documents having successfully completed any training prescribed by the department. Training as contemplated herein may include educational as well as experiential components.

(8) Provides three letters of recommendation as prescribed by the department.

E. The certified prevention professional is a practice credential and, to the extent possible, it shall be governed by existing rules, including but not limited to those applicable to the application for and renewal of prevention practice credentials. The department may adopt and promulgate such additional rules as may be necessary and may prescribe such other qualifications and requirements for certified prevention professionals as may be appropriate for the protection of the public or the enhancement of professional services provided under the authority of this Chapter.

Acts 2006, No. 427, §2.

§3387.12. Registered prevention professional

A. Registered prevention professional is a practice credential. The scope of practice affords the registered prevention professional the flexibility of working in a variety of settings that supports competency-based levels of knowledge, skills, and attitudes. Prevention can range from working with specific and varied populations to mobilizing communities and advocating for healthy behaviors. In the exercise of his scope of practice, the registered prevention professional shall adhere to the requirements of the state strategic prevention plan and shall do nothing inconsistent with or in derogation of that plan.

B. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as a registered prevention professional shall submit an application to the department on a form and in a manner as the department shall prescribe. The initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The registration shall be renewed every two years and shall be accompanied by a fee for renewal of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.

C. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, not less than forty-five days prior to any examination, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and rejected. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

D. The department shall recognize as a registered prevention professional each candidate who:

(1) Possesses a high school diploma or its equivalent and documents three years of department-approved prevention experience.

(2) Is a legal resident of the United States at least eighteen years of age on the date the application is received.

(3) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.

(4) Has not been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to a felony. However, the department may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall provide the department with a certified criminal history.

(5) Demonstrates professional competence by passing a written examination.

(a) The department shall determine the scope and administration of the examination.

(b) The department may provide for circumstances under which a candidate who fails the examination but who meets all other requirements may retake the examination.

(c) The department shall make reasonable accommodations for those candidates who demonstrate a special need or disability.

(6) Documents completion of any ethics training required by the department and signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility as prescribed by the department.

(7) Documents having successfully completed any training prescribed by the department. Training as contemplated herein may include educational as well as experiential components.

(8) Provides three letters of recommendation as prescribed by the department.

E. The registered prevention professional is a practice credential and, to the extent possible, it shall be governed by existing rules, including but not limited to those applicable to the application for and renewal of prevention practice credentials. The department may adopt and promulgate such additional rules as may be necessary and may prescribe such other qualifications and requirements for registered prevention professionals as may be appropriate for the protection of the public or the enhancement of professional services provided under the authority of this Chapter.

Acts 2006, No. 427, §2.

§3387.13. Prevention services assistant

A. A prevention services assistant is a paraprofessional who serves in a supportive role within the prevention process. The prevention services assistant shall be supervised in a manner prescribed by the department.

B. The department shall develop policies and guidelines for prevention services assistants in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

C. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as a prevention services assistant shall submit an application to the department on a form and in a manner as the department shall prescribe.

The application shall be signed by the candidate and, in the case of a minor shall be signed by at least one parent, or legal guardian of a candidate in the case of an unemancipated minor. The initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

D. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, within thirty days, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and unaccepted. If accepted, the status of prevention services assistant shall be valid for a period of one year. The fee for renewal shall be not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

E. The department shall recognize as a prevention services assistant each candidate who:

(1) Is a legal resident of the United States and at least sixteen years of age on the date the application is received.

(2) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.

(3) Has not been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to a felony. However, the department may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall provide the department with a certified criminal history.

(4) Signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility as prescribed by the department.

(5) Provides three letters of recommendation as prescribed by the department.

Acts 2006, No. 427, §2.

§3387.14. Certified prevention supervisor

A. The legislature finds that prevention is an effective and necessary component in the continuum of addictive disorder treatment and services. In order to better provide for the health and welfare of the citizens of this state, the legislature desires to enhance the profession of prevention by providing for a qualified work force in sufficient numbers to meet the needs of Louisiana and to contribute to the development of healthy communities within the state. The legislature finds prevention supervision to be essential for the ongoing development of a qualified work force sufficient to meet the present and anticipated public health needs of the state.

B. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules which shall provide for the certification of prevention supervisors in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

C. Any person seeking to be recognized by the department as a certified prevention supervisor shall submit an application on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The fee for renewal shall be not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.

D. Upon investigation of the application, the department shall, within thirty days, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and rejected. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

E. The department shall recognize as a certified prevention supervisor each candidate who:

(1) Holds a valid and current credential as a licensed prevention professional.

(2) Is not in violation of any ethical standards subscribed to by the department.

(3) Does not have any pending disciplinary action with the department.

(4) Is not a defendant in any pending felony criminal proceedings.

(5) Has not been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to a felony. However, the department may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall provide a certified criminal history.

(6) Satisfies such other requirements as the department may establish, including but not limited to receiving specialized training, obtaining specialized experience, and passing an examination. In the event the department requires an examination, the fee for administering the examination shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of administering the examination, but shall not be less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

Acts 2006, No. 427, §2.

§3388. License, certification, registration renewal

A. Each licensed, certified, and registered addiction counselor shall renew his credentials every two years.

B. Within the two-year period provided for herein each licensed, certified, and registered addiction counselor shall provide to the department documentation of successfully completing forty-eight department-approved continuing educational hours.

C. The documentation required by this Section shall be provided on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3388.1. Counselor-in-training renewal

A. Each counselor-in-training may renew his status every twelve months. Each renewal shall be for a twelve-month period.

B. Within the twelve-month period provided for herein, each counselor-in-training shall provide to the department documentation of successfully completing a minimum of twenty department-approved continuing educational hours or documentation that the counselor-in-training has been actively engaged in pursuing a degree from an accredited institution of higher learning in a human services or behavioral science discipline, or such other discipline or disciplines as the department may designate.

C. The documentation required by this Section shall be provided on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department.

D. Failure to renew his status shall not disqualify an individual from re-applying for counselor-in-training status.

E. Individuals who, prior to July 8, 2004, had never maintained counselor-in-training status and who, after July 8, 2004, make their initial application for, and are granted, counselor-in-training status, shall be allowed to maintain the counselor-in-training status for an aggregate period not to exceed seventy-two months.

F. Individuals who, at any time prior to July 8, 2004, had maintained counselor-in-training status for an aggregate period equal to or less than sixty months, and who, after July 8, 2004, renew or re-apply for that status, shall be allowed to maintain the counselor-in-training status for an aggregate period not to exceed seventy-two months. In calculating the seventy-two month aggregate period provided for herein, the time in status prior to July 8, 2004, shall be included.

G. Individuals who, at any time prior to July 8, 2004, had maintained counselor-in-training status for an aggregate period in excess of sixty months, shall be allowed to renew or re-apply for counselor-in-training status for an additional twelve-month period.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3388.2. Clinical supervision, prevention supervision, and compulsive gambling counselor certification renewal

A. The certification for clinical supervision, prevention supervision, and compulsive gambling counselor shall be renewed every twenty-four months.

B. Within the twenty-four-month period provided for herein each clinical supervisor, prevention supervisor, and compulsive gambling counselor shall provide to the department documentation of successfully completing a minimum of eight department-approved continuing educational hours for each certificate being renewed. Such hours shall be directly related to the area of certification.

C. The documentation required by this Section shall be provided on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department.

D. The department may prescribe such other requirements for clinical supervision, prevention supervision, and compulsive gambling counselor certification renewal as may be appropriate for the protection of the public or the enhancement of professional services provided under the authority of this Chapter.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004; Acts 2006, No. 427, §2.

§3388.3. Applicability

NOTE: Subsection A eff. until July 1, 2010, upon approval of implementation plan. See Acts 2009, No. 384, §5, eff. July 1, 2010.

A. The legislature finds that there are various credentials offered and recognized in the state of Louisiana for those professionals who are engaged, prior to July 8, 2004, in the practice of counseling persons suffering from addictive disorders, as well as the providing of prevention services. It is the intent of the legislature that there be a single authority issuing credentials for addictive disorder counseling and prevention professionals in Louisiana. The authority for issuing and recognizing credentials for professionals engaged in the providing of counseling and prevention services for those who suffer from addictive disorders shall be the Department of Health and Hospitals, office for addictive disorders.

NOTE: Subsection A eff. July 1, 2010, upon approval of implementation plan. See Acts 2009, No. 384, §5.

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B. In order to provide for the transition of regulatory authority and for uniformity and consistency in the granting of new credentials and the recognition of existing credentials, the following shall

apply:

(1) Any person who, on July 8, 2004, holds a valid and current status as a board-certified substance abuse counselor shall be allowed to maintain the same level of autonomy and independence in scope of practice to which they were entitled prior to July 8, 2004, without regard to whether they are considered a licensed or certified addiction counselor under provisions of this Chapter.

(2) Any person who, on July 8, 2004, holds a valid and current status as a board-certified substance abuse counselor, and who has held such certification for a period of five years or more, shall be allowed to be credentialed by the department as a licensed addiction counselor.

(3) Any person who, on July 8, 2004, holds a valid and current status as a board-certified substance abuse counselor, and who has held such certification for a period less than five years, but who has been engaged in providing primary care in the field of substance abuse counseling for a period of time prior to becoming board certified, may combine his years in these two capacities. If the combination of years totals five years or more, the person shall be allowed to be credentialed by the department as a licensed addiction counselor.

(4) Any person who, on July 8, 2004, holds a valid and current status as a board-certified substance abuse counselor, and who, has held such certification for a period of less than five years, and who fails to meet the requirements set forth in this Chapter as a licensed addiction counselor, shall be recognized as a certified addiction counselor and shall maintain the independent scope of practice to which they were entitled prior to July 8, 2004. Nothing herein shall prevent such a person from applying for and being granted the status of licensed addiction counselor, provided they meet all the requirements set forth in this Chapter.

(5) The provisions of this Chapter relative to licensure and scope of practice shall not apply to any credential which, on July 8, 2004, is not valid and current. Any person who is successful in having such credential reinstated by the department, after July 8, 2004, shall be limited to the scope of practice set forth herein without regard to any prior experience and without consideration of the prior years during which the individual may have been credentialed.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004; Acts 2009, No. 384, §5, eff. July 1, 2010, if the implementation plan for the office of behavioral health is approved by the House and Senate Committees on Health and Welfare.

§3388.4. Powers and duties of the department

A. The department shall:

(1) Establish and maintain minimum educational and experiential requirements in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

- (2) Establish and maintain minimum standards of practice in accordance with those developed and accepted by the profession.
 - (3) Develop and promulgate rules for the approval, denial, and renewal of qualified candidates for professional credentials as well as for the revocation or suspension of credentials or the refusal to renew any credential or status authorized by this Chapter.
 - (4) Investigate complaints of illegal or unethical conduct or practices of those holding any professional credential or status authorized by this Chapter, or any candidate for same.
 - (5) Promulgate and publish rules and regulations for the purpose of administering the provisions of this Chapter.
 - (6) Conduct hearings on charges pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act calling for disciplinary action against anyone holding a credential or status authorized by this Chapter.
 - (7) Adopt a code of ethics for those holding a credential or status authorized by this Chapter, which shall be no less stringent than those adopted by other health care professionals.
 - (8) Prescribe and adopt regulations, standards, procedures and policies governing the manner and conditions under which credit shall be given by the department for participation in programs of education or experience, including programs of continuing professional education, such as the department may consider necessary.
 - (9) Maintain a complete roster of all those awarded a credential or status under the provisions of this Chapter. The department may delegate to an appropriate professional association, the responsibility of maintaining a roster or registry of addiction treatment assistants or prevention assistants. This delegation may be upon such terms and conditions as the department deems appropriate or necessary.
 - (10) Adopt and promulgate rules, regulations and standards for department approval of institutions providing clinical training or education in areas pertaining to a credential or status governed by the provisions of this Chapter.
 - (11) Issue subpoenas to require attendance, testimony and production of documents in the process of enforcing the provisions of this Chapter and department rules or in order to secure evidence or testimony pursuant to any investigation conducted in furtherance of the department's authority or responsibility hereunder.
 - (12) Adopt and promulgate any rule, regulation, standard, or procedure necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter.
- B. The department may delegate to an appropriate professional association or university any of the duties imposed upon it by this Chapter, other than rulemaking and fee determination. This

delegation may be on such terms and conditions as the department deems appropriate or necessary. The department may authorize any third party acting on its behalf, pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, to collect any fees authorized by this Chapter. The department may authorize any such third party to keep any fees collected.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3389. Transition; Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority

A. The regulation of addictive disorder treatment and prevention professionals has been undertaken both through a board appointed by the governor and through an office within the Department of Health and Hospitals. In Louisiana, the practice of most health care professions is licensed and regulated by appointed boards placed within the Department of Health and Hospitals. Therefore, the legislature hereby finds it appropriate that the responsibility and authority to regulate the practice of addictive disorder treatment and prevention be exercised by a licensing board created for that purpose.

B. The Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority (ADRA) is hereby created within the Department of Health and Hospitals. The ADRA shall be governed by a board of directors, hereinafter referred to as the "board", consisting of seven voting members and one nonvoting member, all of whom shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, as follows:

(1) One nonvoting member who possesses significant knowledge in the area of addiction from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana State Medical Society.

(2) One voting member who possesses significant experience and knowledge in the area of compulsive gambling from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers, Inc.

(3) One voting member who possesses significant experience and knowledge in the area of prevention from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers, Inc.

(4) One voting member who possesses significant experience and knowledge in the area of opiate replacement therapy from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers, Inc.

(5) Four voting members from a list of twelve names divided into four groups of three names each submitted by the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers, Inc.

C. Members of the board shall serve three-year terms except that in making the initial appointments, the governor shall appoint two voting members for a one-year term, three voting members for a two-year term, and two voting members for a three-year term. The nonvoting member shall serve

an initial term of three years. Members appointed to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or removal shall serve the unexpired terms of their predecessors.

D. The nominees shall be submitted to the governor on or before September 1, 2006. The governor shall select the individuals to serve on the board on or before October 15, 2006. The individuals so selected shall serve as the advisory committee for the ADRA until July 1, 2007, at which time they shall begin to serve and function as the board of directors for the ADRA. The terms of office described in this Subsection shall commence on July 1, 2007.

E. Members of the board shall elect a chairman and such other officers as it deems necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the board. The ADRA may employ persons necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter and may fix their compensation. The ADRA shall employ at least three persons: an executive director, an assistant director, and an administrative assistant. The Department of Health and Hospitals, office of addictive disorders, shall be responsible for providing staff for the ADRA until June 30, 2009. From July 1, 2009, and thereafter the board of the ADRA shall resume full responsibility for providing staff for the ADRA. Employees of the board shall be eligible to participate in the state group benefits plan and in the state retirement system.

F. A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

G. It is the intent of the legislature that the board exercise all regulatory jurisdiction over the credentialing and practice of addiction counselors and prevention professionals, persons holding specialty certifications issued by the board, paraprofessionals authorized by this Chapter, and those in training to become addiction counselors and prevention professionals.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004; Acts 2006, No. 427, §2.

§3390. Prohibited practice; injunctive relief

A. No one may hold himself out as having a credential or status authorized by the provisions of this Chapter who is not so recognized by the department.

B. The credential or status of anyone who fails to timely renew a status or credential authorized by this Chapter shall be deemed suspended unless and until renewed or reinstated as provided for by the department. Any person whose status or credential is suspended shall be prohibited from exercising the scope of practice provided for herein relative to the suspended credential or status.

C. The department may cause an injunction to be issued in any court of competent jurisdiction enjoining any person from violating the provisions of this Chapter. Failure of the department to seek an injunction shall not constitute a waiver nor confer upon any person violating the provisions of this Chapter a right to engage in such conduct.

D. In any suit for injunction, the department may impose on the defendant a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars and attorney fees and court costs. The judgment for penalty, attorney fees and costs may be rendered in the same judgment in which the injunction is made absolute.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

3390.1. Persons and practices not affected

A. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as preventing or restricting practice, services, or activities of any person licensed or certified in this state, by any other law, from engaging in the profession or occupation for which he is licensed or certified.

B. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as prohibiting other licensed professionals, including members of the clergy and Christian Science practitioners, from the delivery of medical, psychotherapeutic, counseling, social work, psychological, or educational services to substance abusers and their families.

C. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the activities of any person recognized as a counselor or prevention specialist-in-training by the department and employed or supervised in the manner prescribed by the department, from carrying out specific tasks under professional supervision. The person supervised shall not represent himself to the public as having any credential or status which the department does not recognize him as having.

D. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the activities of any student in an accredited educational institution, from carrying out activities that are part of the prescribed course of study, provided such activities are authorized by this Chapter or by the department. Such student shall hold himself out to the public only by clearly indicating his student status and the profession in which he is being trained.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3390.2. Reciprocity; other states

The department may recognize, grant or issue any credential or status authorized by this Chapter and without examination in this state, to any applicant holding a valid credential or status recognized or issued in another state, provided the department determines that the credential or status in question is based upon an examination or other requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of this Chapter and such other requirements as may be prescribed by the department in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. The department shall have the authority to determine which status or credential, and corresponding scope of practice, authorized by this Chapter should be allowed to an individual seeking reciprocity.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3390.3. Disciplinary action; administrative fee; causes; hearing; appeal

A. The department shall have the power to deny, revoke, or suspend any credential, specialty certification, status, or other recognition authorized by this Chapter. In addition, the department is authorized to impose and collect an administrative fee not to exceed five hundred dollars per violation or otherwise discipline any person holding a credential, specialty certification, status, or recognition authorized by this Chapter who:

- (1) Has been convicted of any offense which constitutes a felony under the laws of this state, whether or not the conviction was in a court in this state. "Conviction", as used herein, shall include a finding or verdict of guilt, an admission of guilt, or a plea of nolo contendere.
- (2) Has been declared insane or incompetent by a court of law.
- (3) Violates any provision of the ethical standards to which the department subscribes.
- (4) Attempts to practice medicine, psychology, or social work without being licensed in such professions.
- (5) Is impaired in delivery of professional services because of substance abuse, compulsive gambling, or because of medical or psychiatric disability.
- (6) Without authority provides drugs or other restricted chemical substances to another person.
- (7) Allows a credential or status issued by the department to be used by a person other than the one to whom the credential or status was issued.
- (8) Engages in sexual misconduct with a client or a family member of a client.
- (9) Obtained a credential or status by means of fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment of material facts.
- (10) Has been found guilty of fraud or deceit in connection with services rendered.
- (11) Has been grossly negligent in practice as a licensed, certified or registered professional; professional in training, or assistant, as provided for in this Chapter.
- (12) Has violated any lawful order, rule, or regulation rendered or adopted by the department.
- (13) Has violated any provisions of this Chapter.

(14) Has had his certificate or registration to practice disciplined by another state, territory, or district of the United States.

(15) Has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct, including departing from, or failing to conform to, the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice. Actual injury to a client need not be established.

B. The department shall adopt rules and procedures establishing a disciplinary process which shall, at a minimum, comply with the following:

(1) Any person whose credential or status is sought to be disciplined in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter shall be given thirty days notice in writing enumerating the charges and specifying the date for a hearing before the department conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

(2) In connection with any hearing the department may issue subpoenas, compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and administer oaths in the same manner as a district court in the parish wherein the hearing takes place.

(3) A stenographic or audio record of all disciplinary proceedings before the department shall be made and upon payment by the requesting party a transcript kept on file with the department.

(4) If the department finds that public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, a summary suspension of a license, certificate or registration may be ordered pending proceedings for disciplinary action. Such proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined pursuant to rule.

C. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the department in a disciplinary hearing may appeal the decision within thirty days to the district court for the parish wherein the hearing was held pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

D. In addition to the disciplinary action or fines assessed by the department, the department may assess all costs incurred in connection with the proceedings including but not limited to investigation, court reporting, attorney fees and court costs.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004; Acts 2005, No. 368, §1.

§3390.4. Confidentiality

No person holding a credential or status recognized by the department and authorized by this Chapter may disclose any information he may have acquired from persons consulting him in his professional capacity where the information was necessary to enable him to render services to those persons except:

(1) With the written consent of the client, or in the case of death or disability, with the written consent of his personal representative, other persons authorized to sue, or the beneficiary of any insurance policy on his life, health, or physical condition.

(2) When the person is a minor under the age of eighteen and the information acquired indicates that the child was the victim or subject of a crime, then, the person having received the information may be required to testify fully in relation thereto upon any examination, trial, or other proceeding in which the commission of such crime is a subject of inquiry, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

(3) When the person is a minor under the age of eighteen and the information acquired shall be disclosed pursuant to any law which mandates the reporting of certain information relative to minors and the persons or agencies to whom the information shall be disclosed.

(4) When, unless otherwise prohibited by law, a communication reveals the contemplation of a crime or harmful act.

(5) When the person waives the privilege by filing a complaint with the department or otherwise invokes the jurisdiction of the department.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3390.5. Penalties

Whoever violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004.

§3390.6. Addictive Disorders Professionals Licensing and Certification Fund

A. There is hereby established in the state treasury a special fund to be known as the "Addictive Disorders Professionals Licensing and Certification Fund", hereinafter referred to as the "fund".

B. Out of the funds remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state that become due and payable within a fiscal year, the treasurer in each fiscal year shall pay into the fund an amount equal to the total amount of all donations, penalties, and licensing and certification fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.

C. The monies in this fund shall be used solely as provided in Subsection D hereof and only in the amounts appropriated by the legislature. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and be available for appropriation in the next fiscal

year in the same manner as provided herein. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer with the same authority and subject to the same restrictions as for investment of the state general fund. Interest earned on the investment of these monies shall be credited to the state general fund.

D. The monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Health and Hospitals solely for the administration, monitoring, and enforcement of the licensing and certification provisions of this Chapter.

E. The department shall, by rule, adopt a schedule of fees and penalties to be charged relative to the issuance of licenses and certifications, as provided in this Chapter.

F. The department is authorized to impose and collect the following fees:

(1) Each application for a licensed addiction counselor, certified addiction counselor, or registered addiction counselor shall be accompanied by a fee prescribed by the department. The fee for processing the application shall be in an amount at least sufficient to cover the cost of processing the application, but shall not be less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The fee for administering the written examination shall be in an amount at least sufficient to cover the cost of administering the written examination, but shall not be less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The fee for the oral examination or case presentation shall not be less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The renewal fee for a licensed addiction counselor, certified addiction counselor, or registered addiction counselor shall not be less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.

(2) Each application for a certified prevention specialist or registered preventionist shall be accompanied by a fee prescribed by the department. The fee for processing the application shall be in an amount at least sufficient to cover the cost of processing the application, but shall not be less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The fee for administering the written examination shall be in an amount at least sufficient to cover the cost of administering the written examination, but shall not be less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The renewal fee for a certified prevention specialist or registered preventionist shall not be less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.

(3) Each application for a certified clinical supervisor or certified compulsive gambling counselor shall be accompanied by a fee prescribed by the department. The fee for processing the application shall be in an amount at least sufficient to cover the cost of processing the application, but shall not be less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars. The fee for administering the written examination shall be in an amount at least sufficient to cover the cost of administering the written examination, but shall not be less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars. The renewal fee for a certified clinical supervisor or certified compulsive gambling counselor shall not be less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.

(4) Each application for a counselor-in-training or prevention specialist-in-training shall be accompanied by a fee prescribed by the department. The fee shall be in an amount at least sufficient to cover the cost of processing the application, but shall not be less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars. The renewal fee for a certified clinical supervisor or certified compulsive gambling counselor shall not be less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

(5) Each application for an addiction treatment assistant shall be accompanied by a fee prescribed by the department. The fee for processing the application shall be in an amount at least sufficient to cover the cost of processing the application, but shall not be less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars. The fee for administering the written examination shall be in an amount at least sufficient to cover the cost of administering the written examination, but shall not be less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars. The renewal fee for an addiction treatment assistant shall not be less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars.

(6) The department may require that each application or request for a copy of any roster maintained pursuant to R.S. 37:3388.4(9) be accompanied by a fee of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.

(7) Each training or educational institute, provider, or institution shall pay a fee of not less than two hundred nor more than two hundred fifty dollars to the department in order to be authorized to provide approved education, training, and courses. Such authorization shall be valid for a period of one year. For those education providers who elect not to seek annual approval, the department is authorized to impose and collect a fee of not less than one hundred nor more than one hundred fifty dollars for each course approved. In addition, all providers submitting course reports shall pay a fee of not less than one nor more than five dollars per participant.

(8) Any person seeking approval of continuing education credit when those credits were not approved pursuant to Paragraph (7) of this Subsection, shall pay a fee of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each fifteen hours of continuing education credit.

Acts 2004, No. 803, §3, eff. July 8, 2004; Acts 2005, No. 368, §1.